

Remarks

Claims 1-27, 38-73 and 75-77 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,005,926, claims 1-154 of U.S. Patent No. 6,144,727 or claims 1-40 of U.S. Patent No. 6,226,365 in view of Coyle (U.S. Patent No. 6,269,157).

Applicant submits herewith terminal disclaimers for the above cited patents, which are commonly owned by the assignee of the above-identified application. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Claims 1-27, 38-73 and 75-77 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 155-252 and 254-256 of U.S. Application No. 09/551,190 or claims 15-29 of U.S. Application No. 09/692,769 in view of Coyle (U.S. Patent No. 6,269,157).

The '190 application, also owned by the assignee of the above-identified application, is now U.S. Patent No. 6,442,258 B1. Applicant submits a terminal disclaimer for the '258 patent so as to overcome this double patenting rejection.

The '769 application remains pending in the U.S. Patent Office and thus the rejection based on the '769 application should be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance in light of the above remarks and Applicant's submissions. Such action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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